

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance

After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 5-18, 22-26, and 28-30 will be pending in the application. Claims 1 and 22 are independent claims. Claims 1-18 and 22-27, as previously submitted, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over, U.S. patent 6,226,510 ("Boling").

Boling discloses a hand-held wireless personal communication and security apparatus ("phone/pager") 10 that includes an emergency response button 20 (Boling at col. 3, ll. 37-54). When the button is pressed, the phone/pager automatically contacts a private emergency response service (*id.* at col. 3, l.55 - col. 4, l.1). Boling further discloses that the private service may maintain a list of persons to contact when the caller presses the emergency response button (*id.* at col. 4, ll. 1-4). The private service informs the persons on the list that the caller is involved in an emergency situation, and forwards to the persons on the contact list information indicating the identity and location of the caller (*id.* at col. 4, ll. 4-11).

According to the claimed invention, a location signal may be received from a remote device associated with a subscriber. The location signal contains data relating to a location of the device. A street address associated with the location of the device may be determined from the location signal. A respective notification message may be provided to each of a plurality of contacts associated with the device. The notification message may contain identification data corresponding to an identity of the subscriber and the street address associated with the location of the device.

Though Boling discloses an embodiment including a GPS receiver (*id.* at col. 7, ll. 2-12), Boling does not teach or suggest determining the street address of the location of the remote device. Rather, according to Boling, the phone/pager may send "location information" to a cellular transmitter (*id.*). The transmitter receives this information, and transmits it to a paging service (*id.*). The paging service receives this information and *retransmits* it to the private emergency response service (*id.*). Thus, Applicant submits,

Boling teaches no more than merely forwarding location information to an emergency response service.

Alternatively, the phone/pager may contact the private emergency response service by sending a paging message to a central paging service (col. 4, ll. 12-25). The paging message contains, among other things, the longitude/latitude coordinates of the location of the phone/pager (*id*). Again, Boling does not teach transmitting any location data other than longitude/latitude.

Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art would not be motivated to modify the system of Boling to include determining street address and providing street address to the contacts. The phone/pager of Boling includes a flashing light and a noise alarm because, as Boling teaches, “the exact location of the caller may be unknown to the emergency response personnel” (col. 5, ll. 56-67). Though Boling recognizes this problem, it is Applicant’s disclosure, and not the prior art, that provides the solution. Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that, prior to Applicant’s invention, one skilled in the art would not have been motivated to modify Boling to provide street address as claimed.

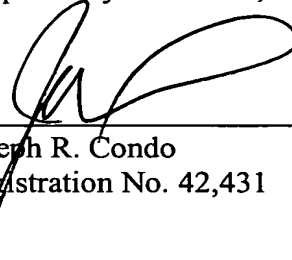
New claims 28-30 recite specific methods for determining street address from the location data. Claim 28, for example, recites accessing a mapping data store that contains a mapping of longitude/latitude into street address. Claim 29 recites accessing the mapping data store via a network. Claim 30 recites providing longitude/latitude data to a remote processor, and receiving a corresponding street address from the remote processor. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not teach or suggest these approaches to determining street address from such location data in order to notify a plurality of contacts that an emergency condition may exist. For these reasons as well, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 28-30 are allowable.

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For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims patentably distinguish over the teachings of the cited references.

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